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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT**

"The arc of history has now spanned 50 years since President Johnson signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act into law. While we have come a long way over the past half century, our journey is not yet complete. Now is the time to rededicate ourselves as a city and as a nation to addressing the true civil rights issues of our time, whether it is raising the minimum wage, narrowing the gap between rich and poor, or giving every child from every neighborhood a quality education so they can reach their full potential."

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